

Trail stalker linked to duffel bag mystery

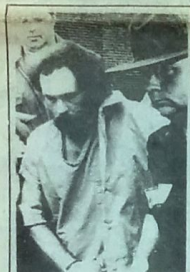
By David March

After viewing footage of Paul David Crews, a suspect in the Appalachian Trail slayings, a family of four from the Carlisle area yesterday, told Dillsburg Police Chief Glenn Smith that they are certain he was the man they assisted last March 9th.

"They said this guy was upset, he had a wild look in his eyes," said Smith.



Composite of man wanted in connection to the "duffel bag" incident last March in Dillsburg



Paul David Crews - A suspect in the recent Appalachian trail slayings.

According to Smith, the man the witnesses assisted that day needed some rest and a warm meal, so they spent some time with him talking to him, and so forth. Then they decided to take him over to the Bethesda Mission in Harrisburg. The mission wouldn't accept him, so they dropped him near a local motel. That was the last they had seen of him.

"They positively identified him as Crews," said Smith. "They spent an hour and a half to two hours with him. There's no reason in the world they couldn't identify the guy," he added.

The family first contacted Chief Smith back in March, after seeing a composite in a local newspaper of a man wanted for questioning in connection with the "duffel bag incident" in Dillsburg.

On March 8th, a navy blue duffel bag containing human hair, rope, tape, rags, a Maryland State Police lapel pin, a New York State Police tie tack, surgical gloves, a hunting knife and a fishing vest was found in the dumpster at Myers Food Rite on North Baltimore Street.

Blood found on the gloves proved to be human. When the family saw the composite of this man they then tentatively identified him to Chief Smith as the man they had given a ride.

After seeing pictures of Crews in the local papers and on television, they again contacted Smith and made the connection.

They were not the only ones to connect the two, said Smith. "A police detective from Roanoke, Virginia called and said a guy matching the composite tried to sneak up on his son on the trail with a frying pan," said Chief Smith. A Met-Ed employee had also called and said he saw a man matching his description down at Paul's Pancake Barn.

The Appalachian Trail is located less than three miles from Dillsburg along South Mountain.

Illegal club shut down, contents seized



Carroll Township Police and agents from the Bureau of Liquor Control and Enforcement (B.L.C.E.) raided a speakeasy Sunday at the Charles Thomas residence in Monaghan Township. Continued on inside, see Speakeasy raided.

The 38-year-old Crews was wanted in connection with the September 13th trail-slayings of hikers Geoffrey Logan Hood and Molly LaRue in a shelter along the trail near Duncannon. Hood and LaRue were found shot and stabbed to death, respectively, while sleeping.

Crews was apprehended September 21st on a footbridge in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia on by U.S. Park Rangers under the name David "Casey" Horn. Crews is being held without bond in West Virginia. He is also sought by Florida authorities for a 1986 slaying of a middle aged widow.

Smith theorized Crews was probably holed up in a campsite around Duncannon for several months. He also feels that there may be a connection between Crews and the slaying of Phoenix Bell last March. Her

body was discovered on a dump site near Duncannon, only a few miles from the shelter where Hood and LaRue were found dead.

"There's no doubt, this guy was a trail stalker. I bet when deer season opens up we're going to find more bodies up there!" said Dillsburg Police Chief Glenn Smith of the Crews.

"He had the duct tape, the rope," said Smith Crews. "He could have abducted people, kept them until he got tired of them, then killed them and threw them over the side of the mountain," he speculated.

"There could be several of them up there," he concluded.

Marie Chomicki contributed to this article.

Mall plans rejected

By Mary Lou Bylot

The Carroll Township Board of Supervisors Tuesday evening rejected the final plan for a proposed shopping center to be located along Route 15 and between Siddonsburg and Orebank Roads.

The supervisors readily accepted the recommendation of the Carroll Township Planning Commission to deny approval of the plan. The planning commission based its recommendation on comments received from the York County Conservation District.

After reviewing the final plan, the county deemed it "inadequate" to meet the requirements of the state's erosion control laws (PA Title 25, Chapter 102).

In a letter dated August 15, the county specified that the outlet of the sediment basin is inadequate, according to the plan. The letter stated that the project engineer must either show calculations that the basin will de-water in two to seven days, or follow specifications to meet the criteria.

Tom Carl, a member of the planning commission, said Tuesday that the developer may present a revised plan to the commission.

Generally, the plan is in compliance with the current zoning ordinance, Supervisor Norman Shelly, Jr. added.

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Three separate auto accidents in Carroll Township within five hours leaves 10 injured

By David March

Last Thursday night, 10 people were taken to hospitals, the result of three automobile accidents in Carroll Township within hours of each other.

Keith Miller, Carroll Township Police, investigated all three.

At 9:30 p.m. seven people were injured in a two vehicle crash at Route 15 and Carroll Drive.

Officer Miller said a Chevy station wagon operated by Marilyn Demmy, 40, of Harrisburg failed to stop at a stop sign on Carroll Drive and was struck by a Chevy van that was headed North of Route 15. The Northbound van was operated by Robert Morgan, 65, also of Harrisburg. Six passengers in Morgan's van were injured slightly. Demmy was extracted from her vehicle by firefighters using the "jaws of life". She suffered a broken arm.

The injured were transported to Holy Spirit, Hershey Medical Center and Polyclinic Hospitals by ambulances from Dillsburg, Upper Allen Township, Lower Allen Township, Mechanicsburg and Camp Hill.

Both Northbound lanes were

closed for 1 1/2 hours while the wreckage was cleared. Demmy was cited for a stop sign violation.

Before firefighters got back to the Dillsburg station from the Route 15 Carroll Drive crash they were dispatched to a head-on crash at Routes 74 and 194 where there were three injured.

Officer Keith Miller said a 1981 Chevy Citation, operated by Jason Hughes, 17, of Hempstead, Maryland, failed to stop at the stop sign on Route 194 and ran head-on into a 1986 Chevy Monte Carlo operated by Kevin March, 23, of Carlisle Road, Dillsburg. March was Southbound on Route 74 when Hughes ran the stop sign and hit him head-on.

Both drivers and Billy Ray Hughes, Jr. 16, of Hanover were taken to Harrisburg Hospital by Dillsburg ambulances. Billy Ray Hughes and Kevin March were treated and released. Jason Hughes was admitted for observation. Hughes was cited for a stop sign violation. That crash was at 11:00 p.m.

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Photo by David March

Jason Hughes, 17, of Maryland was faulted for this 11:30 p.m. crash Thursday night at Routes 194 and 74. Three people were injured.